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APPLICATION OF: David A. Carlsson

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FOR DATA CIPHERING
OPERATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment prior to examination of this patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] beginning on page 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 [0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application number 60/361,247 entitled "Speculative Execution for Data Ciphering Operations," filed March 1, 2002.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on May 31, 2002

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